

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend the claims as indicated below.

Cancel claims 1-10, 13, and 20-23 without prejudice.

Add the following claims.

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24. (New) A method for processing a spread spectrum signal, comprising:

receiving a code modulated spread spectrum signal;

generating a code modulated signal replica of the received signal;

correlating the received signal with a first code phase delayed replica to generate an early

correlation product;

correlating the received signal with a second code phase delayed replica to generate a

prompt correlation product;

correlating the received signal with a third code phase delayed replica to generate a late

correlation product; and

detecting a multipath error in the received signal based on at least one relationship

between an amplitude of the early correlation product, an amplitude of the prompt correlation

product and an amplitude of the late correlation product.

21. 25. (New) The method of claim 24, wherein detecting the multipath error comprises

detecting at least one of:

power of respective early, prompt and late correlation products;

phase of respective early, prompt and late correlation products; and

quadrature of respective early, prompt and late correlation products.

22. 26. (New) The method of claim 24, wherein detecting the multipath error comprise:

- 2 determining a sign of the multipath error, and
3 determining a relative magnitude of the multipath error.

- 1 27. (New) The method of claim 26, wherein determining a sign of the multipath error
2 comprises comparing a ratio of the amplitude of the prompt correlation product to an equal
3 amplitude of the early and late correlation products, wherein the early and late correlation
4 products are offset symmetrically from the prompt correlation product.

- 1 28. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein:
2 determining that a lag error exists when the amplitude of the prompt correlation product
3 is less than twice the equal amplitude;
4 determining that a lead error exists when the amplitude of the prompt correlation product
5 is more than twice the equal amplitude; and
6 determining that no multipath error exists if the amplitude of the prompt correlation
7 product is equal to twice the equal amplitude.

- 1 29. (New) The method of claim 26, further comprising, when the relative magnitude is
2 determined to be below a predetermined value, determining a correction to a pseudorange
3 calculation, wherein the correction is proportional to a sum of the amplitudes of the early
4 correlation product and the late correlation product divided by the prompt correlation product.

- 1 30. (New) The method of claim 24, further comprising using the multipath error to refine
2 a position calculation made by a receiver processor.

- 1 31. (New) The method of claim 24, further comprising using the multipath error to adjust
2 a phase of the code modulated signal replica such that phases of respective early, prompt and late

3 correlation products are adjusted.

1 32. (New) The method of claim 24, further comprising using the multipath error to
2 generate a control signal to control a phase relationship between respective early and late
3 correlation products and further to control a relationship of the prompt correlation product with
4 respect to the early correlation product and the late correlation product.

1 33. (New) The method of claim 24, further comprising using the multipath error to
2 generate a signal model of an interfering multipath signal.

1 34. (New) The method of claim 24, further comprising using the signal model for
2 multipath signal cancellation.

1 35. (New) An apparatus for receiving a signal, the apparatus comprising:
2 a receiver configured to receive a signal comprising a PN code;
3 a code generator coupled to the receiver, the code generator configured to generate a PN
4 code replica of the received signal;
5 an error detector coupled to the receiver and to the code generator, wherein the error
6 detector detects code phase error in the received signal based on at least one relationship between
7 a first correlation product of an early code phase delayed version of the code replica and the
8 received signal, a second correlation product of a prompt code phase delayed version of the code
9 replica and the received signal, and a third correlation product of a late code phase delayed
10 version of the code replica and the received signal.

1 36. (New) The apparatus of claim 35, further comprising at least one detector coupled to
2 receive the first correlation product, the second correlation product and the third correlation

3 product.

1 37. (New) The apparatus of claim 36, wherein detecting the code phase error comprises
2 detecting at least one of:

3 power of respective first, second and third correlation products;
4 phase of respective first, second and third correlation products; and
5 quadrature of respective first, second and third correlation products.

1 38. (New) The apparatus of claim 37, further comprising a code phase error detector
2 coupled to the at least one detector and configured to determine a sign of the code phase error
3 and a relative magnitude of the code phase error.

1 39. (New) The apparatus of claim 38, wherein determining a sign of the code phase error
2 comprises the code phase error detector comparing a ratio of the amplitude of the second
3 correlation product to an equal amplitude of the first and third correlation products, wherein the
4 first and third correlation products are offset symmetrically from the second correlation product.

1 40. (New) The apparatus of claim 39, wherein the code phase error detector is further
2 configured to:
3 determine that a lag error exists when the amplitude of the second correlation product is
4 less than twice the equal amplitude;
5 determine that a lead error exists when the amplitude of the second correlation product is
6 more than twice the equal amplitude; and
7 determine that no code phase error exists if the amplitude of the second correlation
8 product is equal to twice the equal amplitude.

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1 41. (New) The apparatus of claim 38, wherein the code phase error detector is further
2 configured to determine a correction to a pseudorange calculation when the relative magnitude is
3 determined to be below a predetermined value, wherein the correction is proportional to a sum of
4 the amplitudes of the first correlation product and the third correlation product divided by the
5 second correlation product.

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1 42. (New) The apparatus of claim 35, wherein the receiver is coupled to receive a code
2 phase error signal from the code phase error detector, and wherein the receiver is configured to
3 use the code phase error signal to refine a position calculation.

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1 43. (New) The apparatus of claim 35, further comprising an adjustable delay element
2 coupled to the code generator and further coupled to the code phase error detector to receive a
3 code phase error signal, wherein the at adjustable delay element is configured to use the code
4 phase error signal to adjust a phase of the PN code replica such that phases of respective first,
5 second and third correlation products are adjusted.

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1 44. (New) The apparatus of claim 35, further comprising at least one delay element
2 coupled to at least one correlator and further coupled to the code phase error detector, wherein
3 the at least one delay element is configured to use the code phase error signal to generate a
4 control signal to control a phase relationship between respective first and third correlation
5 products and further to control a relationship of the second correlation product with respect to the
6 first correlation product and the third correlation product.

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1 45. (New) The apparatus of claim 35, further comprising a signal model element coupled
2 to the code phase error detector, wherein the signal model element is configured to use the code

3 phase error signal to generate a signal model of an interfering code phase signal.

1 46. (New) The apparatus of claim 35, further comprising means for using the signal
2 model for code phase signal cancellation

1 47. (New) An apparatus for processing global positioning system (GPS) satellite signals,
2 the apparatus comprising:

3 receiver means for receiving a GPS signal;

4 code generator means for generating a PN code replica of the received GPS signal; and

5 multipath error detector means for detecting a multipath error in the received GPS signal

6 based on at least one relationship between a first correlation product of the received GPS signal

7 with a first PN code phase delayed replica, a second correlation product of the received GPS

8 signal with a second PN code phase delayed replica, and a third correlation product of the

9 received GPS signal with a third PN code phase delayed replica.

1 48. (New) The apparatus of claim 46, further comprising at least one detector means
2 coupled to receive the first correlation product, the second correlation product and the third
3 correlation product.

1 49. (New) The apparatus of claim 48, wherein detecting the multipath error comprises
2 detecting at least one of:

3 power of respective first, second and third correlation products;

4 phase of respective first, second and third correlation products; and

5 quadrature of respective first, second and third correlation products.

1 50. (New) The apparatus of claim 49 wherein the multipath error detector means is

2 coupled to the at least one detector means and is configured to determine a sign of the multipath
3 error and a relative magnitude of the multipath error.

1 51. (New) The apparatus of claim 50, wherein determining a sign of the multipath error
2 comprises the multipath error detector means comparing a ratio of the amplitude of the second
3 correlation product to an equal amplitude of the first and third correlation products, wherein the
4 first and third correlation products are offset symmetrically from the second correlation product.

1 52. (New) The apparatus of claim 51, wherein the multipath error detector means is
2 further configured to:
3 determine that a lag error exists when the amplitude of the second correlation product is
4 less than twice the equal amplitude;
5 determine that a lead error exists when the amplitude of the second correlation product is
6 more than twice the equal amplitude; and
7 determine that no multipath error exists if the amplitude of the second correlation product
8 is equal to twice the equal amplitude.

1 53. (New) The apparatus of claim 50, wherein the multipath error detector means is
2 further configured to determine a correction to a pseudorange calculation when the relative
3 magnitude is determined to be below a predetermined value, wherein the correction is
4 proportional to a sum of the amplitudes of the first correlation product and the third correlation
5 product divided by the second correlation product.

1 54. (New) The apparatus of claim 48, wherein the receiver means is coupled to receive a
2 multipath error signal from the multipath error detector means, and wherein the receiver means is

3 configured to use the multipath error signal to refine a position calculation.

1 35. (New) The apparatus of claim 48, further comprising an adjustable delay means
2 coupled to the code generator means and further coupled to the multipath error detector means to
3 receive a multipath error signal, wherein the at adjustable delay element is configured to use the
4 multipath error signal to adjust a phase of the PN code replica such that phases of respective first,
5 second and third correlation products are adjusted.

2 36. (New) The apparatus of claim 48, further comprising at least one delay means
3 coupled to at least one correlator and further coupled to the multipath error detector means,
4 wherein the at least one delay means is configured to use the multipath error signal to generate a
5 control signal to control a phase relationship between respective first and third correlation
6 products and further to control a relationship of the second correlation product with respect to the
7 first correlation product and the third correlation product.

1 37. (New) The apparatus of claim 48, further comprising a signal model means coupled
2 to the multipath error detector means, wherein the signal model means is configured to use the
3 multipath error signal to generate a signal model of an interfering multipath signal.

1 38. (New) The apparatus of claim 48, further comprising means for using the signal
2 model for multipath signal cancellation